

Plane Talk News

The Des Moines Modelaires Newsletter January 2019



The Out Going President's Message from Jim Porter

* It's been an interesting time as President of the Des Moines Modelaires. Some disappointments but a lot more moments of feeling that the time was well spent. However, it's time for a new face in the position, so welcome Scott Leonard as the incoming President and give him the support and cooperation he'll need to keep things moving. The elections resulted in the reelection of Tim Nissen and a couple of other position changes with Connor Johnson and Laverne Saunders joining the Board, allowing Dave Heuton to 'retire' for some more flying time. My sincere thanks for Dave's years of service on the Board of Directors.

* I hope to see you at Westfield for the Penguin Fly in a few days.

With any luck it won't be nearly as cold as it was last year and we might actually feel like flying a bit.

* Hopefully the shortest day of the year hope will lead into a year with more flying opportunities in 2019 than we had in 2018.

* These last two weeks allowed me to change the status of two of my pieces of 'Wall Art', as John Faust describes unflown planes, to real flying machines: a Sapphire and a Viper. A short article on these follows my message.

* With any luck Santa and/or his representative will have slipped a new plane under your tree. Happy Holidays to all.

Jim Porter

WALL ART by Jim Porter

* Sapphire

This was a kit from Peter Goldsmith Designs intended to invoke a little nostalgia for sailplanes from the 40's and 50's. It does have an unusual twist in that it is powered with a small ducted fan, allowing launching without a winch, high start or exposed propeller. With a 106" wingspan and an 80 ounce weight it has only an eight ounce wing loading for some very leisurely flying characteristics. It's certainly NOT a windy weather sailplane, but one that presents opportunities not available to conventional sailplanes. The 64 mm, 11 bladed fan doesn't overpower the plane, but the noise level is very nice and allows about a 20 to 30° climb out.



*Viper

After seeing John Faust's Viper I knew one of these had to be in my fleet. What a nice flying ducted fan with flaps and retracts at quite a reasonable price. I think Rick at Hobby Haven still has one of these in stock. It has a good turn of speed with very predictable flying characteristics. I think it would make an ideal first electric ducted fan.

The Incoming President's Message from Scott Leonard

Hello fellow Modelaires,



I just wanted to quickly introduce myself since I've really only met a fraction of the club membership. So here goes: I was born in a Chicago suburb (Elgin), but moved to Norwalk (Iowa) when I was about three. Lived in Norwalk through high school then spent too many years at Iowa State studying Computer Science/Management Information Systems. A majority of my professional career thus far was spent working as a software engineer for an advertising agency in Chicago, Germany and back here in Des Moines. Right now, I'm part of the leadership team at

a small IT consulting shop here in Des Moines.

I've been around both RC and full-scale aviation since I was a teenager, but never really flew myself. I've actually only been flying RC for about five years – it started in Germany when a friend introduced me to multi-copters. Being the nerd that I am, I was immediately fascinated by the technology. I bought a couple kits, learned how to set them up and fly them, and was hooked.

Once back in Iowa, I found out about Modelaires and visited West Field on a random weekend. I was greeted by a couple guys and I remember very clearly how friendly and welcoming they were. I was surprised at how open they were about answering questions, showing off their planes and encouraging me to come out for the next training night. A week later, I did. Two weeks later I owned an Apprentice, and things took off (pun intended). I can say without a doubt that I've become addicted to the hobby – it really has become a passion and significant part of my life. Just don't ask my wife how many planes I have now...

As much as I enjoy building and flying planes, I also deeply appreciate the social aspect of being part of our club. I truly consider many of you friends and am constantly humbled and grateful at how much knowledge is shared among the club members. I sincerely hope the comradery and approachability continues, and I believe these attitudes should be core tenants of our club.

With a group this size and with two fields to support, I'm sure there will be challenges and perhaps differences of opinions. Remember that the board (myself, Jim P, Dave, John, Denis, Alan, Jack, Jim M, Tim, Connor and LaVerne) works as a committee on your behalf to listen to you as members and to work out the best courses of action. I encourage you all to speak with your "local" board member if you have issues/concerns/ideas. Working together the Des Moines Modelaires will continue to be a great club with positive experiences for the members and community!

Finally, I want thank Jim Porter for everything he's done and continues to do for the club and hobby. I know I'm not the only person that can say Jim's been instrumental in helping me expand my knowledge and skill in this hobby. So, thanks a ton Jim, for everything!

See you at the field!

Scott

General Announcements

January 2019 General Membership Meeting

A quick reminder that the January club meeting will be held at the January 1st Penguin Fly at West Field 9 am (event start), with the club meeting at 11 am.

2019 Event Schedule

The 2019 Event Schedule is included later in the newsletter, but some dates are still tentative. If you are one of the event organizers, please review closely and let Dave Beecher know of any necessary changes.

Upcoming Club Events (check web site for possible updates)

- **January 1, 2019**
Penguin Fly and Club Meeting (West Field 9 am, Meeting at 11 am)
- **January 12, 2019**
Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)
- **February 9, 2019**
Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9 am, Club Meeting 11 am)
- **February 16, 2019**
Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)
- **March 9, 2019**
Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9 am, Club Meeting 11 am)
- **March 16, 2019**
Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)
- **April 2, 2019**
Club Meeting (West Field 7 pm)



**Be careful if you are able to
fly later in December!**

Who Won the Raffle?

As many of you know Ray Pick received a donated Corsair from HobbyTown in Ankeny to raffle off at the last warbird fun fly with all proceeds to go to the club. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and the warbird fun fly was a bust. Ray then suggested we raffle off the Corsair at the December club meeting.

So who won the raffle you ask? Simple question? Not!

Dave Kalwishky initially won the raffle but decided since he won a raffled jet at the jet fun fly he didn't think it was right for him to win the Corsair so another number was picked. The winner now was Jack Kamerick. So you would think Jack went home with a really nice RTF Corsair, right? Nope. Before the night was over Bob Vida decided to make Jack an offer he couldn't refuse and took the plane home.

The raffle ended up bringing \$265 to the club!

Thank you to HobbyTown for donating the RTF Corsair to the club for the Raffle.

Thank you to Ray Pick for getting the Corsair and organizing the raffle.

Thank you to Dave Kalwishky for keeping the hopes of winning alive for all members at the meeting.

Congratulations to Jack Kamerick for winning the Corsair.

Congratulations to Bob Vida for going home with a new airplane!

Denis



Jack Kamerick



Bob Vida

Learn to Fly RC!

Have you ever wanted to learn to fly Radio Controlled (RC) Aircraft?

If so, come to our West Field (just west of Grimes) on Monday evenings

We hold **free** public training at our **West Field** every Monday beginning Monday May 6th 2019 through Monday August 26th. If you are over 14 years old you are welcome to attend this program for up to three evenings. Club instructors and equipment will be available from 6pm until dark, weather permitting.

You will be able to actually fly our training aircraft and learn about our club and the best equipment options if you do decide to continue flying.

Flying RC aircraft often turns into a lifelong hobby and is a wonderful way to meet new people who also love to fly.

If you are interested in learning to fly please contact any one of these fine instructors:

Field	Name	Email Address	Phone
West Field	Denis Roy (Airplane)	DenisRoy81@gmail.com	(515)-249-1617
West Field	Pat Nestvedt (Airplane)	plnest@hotmail.com	(515) 201-8112
West Field	Scott Leonard (Airplane)	scott@sjleonard.com	(515) 494-2011



If you would like to have a lesson at our EPJ field, please contact one of these fine instructors for an appointment:

Field	Name	Email Address	Phone
EPJ	Jim Lewis (Airplane)	clone2tb@gmail.com	(515) 289-1144
EPJ	Tim Nissen (Airplane)	nissentimothy@mchsi.com	(515) 975-1091
EPJ	Doug Griffith (Airplane)	duggriff@yahoo.com	(515) 480-1585
EPJ	Kelly Brown (Helicopter)	kbrown@brownsmedicalimaging.com	(515) 494-4884
EPJ	Matt Coleman (Airplane & Helicopter)	colemn615@gmail.com	(515) 782-9499

Looking Back at Some of Our 2018 Events

A Very Cold 2018 Penguin Fly

The January 1st 2018 Penguin fly was one for the record books as far as temperature goes. Minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit made it tough to spent lots of time outside for consecutive flights. It is likely it is that 1/1/2019 at West Field will be better weather then 365 days earlier!



March Indoor Flying



Cub and High Wing Fun Fly



[High Wing Spot Landing Contest Video](#)

Warbird Fun Fly



Jet Fun Fly



Civil Air Patrol Event



National Aviation Day



Monday Training Nights



2019 Calendar of Events

(Dates and locations are subject to change – check our website for updates)

- **Club Meetings are generally the 1st Tuesday of the month at alternating flying fields during the flying season**
- **Fun Flies are generally the Saturday after a club meetings during the flying season**
- **Coffee Socials are generally the 2nd Saturday of the month**

- **January 1, 2019** Penguin fly and Club Meeting (West Field, 9 am, Meeting at 11 am)
- January 12 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- February 9, 2019 - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9 am, Club Meeting 11 am)
- February 16 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- March 9, 2019 - Indoor Flying and Club Meeting (Catholic Church Flying 9 am, Club Meeting 11 am)
- March 16 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- April 2 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- April 13 - Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)
- April 20 - and High-wing Fly (John Faust) (West Field 10am – 2pm)
- May 7 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- May 11 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am) & Multi-wing Fun Fly (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- May 31 – June 2 – Mid West Chopper, (Matt Coleman - EPJ)
- June 3 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 4 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- June 8 – Flylow Jet Fly (Dave K and Connor J) – EPJ 9 AM -6 PM)
- June 10 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- TBD – Civil Air Patrol Demo (Al Annear - West Field)
- 6/15 – Coffee Social (West Field 10 am)
- June 17 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- June 24 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 1 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 2- Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- July 6 – Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)
- July 8 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 13 – Coffee (West Field 10am)
- July 15 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 22 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- July 29 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 5 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 6 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- August 10 - Coffee Social & Summer Fun Fly (Jim Porter – (West Field 10am – 2pm)
- August 12 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 17 – National Model Aviation Day (Alan Annear – West Field 9am – 3pm)
- August 19 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- August 26 - Training Program (West Field 6pm)
- September 3 - Club Meeting (EPJ 7pm)
- September 7 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am) Sailplane Fun Fly (Dave Beecher - West Field 10am – 1pm)
- September 14 - Any Size Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)
- October 1 - Club Meeting (West Field 7pm)
- October 12 – Club Auction
- October 19 – Coffee/Pot Luck / Fun Fly & Speed Day (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- November 5 - Club Meeting (Weiss-Merkle Financial 7pm)
- November 9 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)
- December 3 - Club Meeting and Elections (Weiss-Merkle Financial - 7pm)
- December 14 – Coffee Social (West Field 10am)

Fun Fly Information:

- April 20 – High-wing Fly (John Faust - West Field 10am – 2pm)
- May 11 - Multi-Wing Fun Fly (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- *May 31 – June 2 – Mid West Chopper, (Matt Coleman - EPJ)*
- June 8 – Flylow Jet Fly (Dave K & Connor J)
- July 6 – Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)
- August 10 - Summer Fun Fly (Jim Porter – West Field 10am – 2pm)
- September 7 – Sailplane Fun Fly (Dave Beecher - West Field 10am – 1pm)
- September 14 - Any Size Warbird Fun Fly (Ray Pick – EPJ)
- October 19 – Coffee/Pot Luck / Fun Fly & Speed Day (Alan Annear – West Field 10am – 2pm)

2019 Des Moines Modelaires Membership Application

IMPORTANT: You must have a current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership and FAA Registration valid through the year of membership to be a Des Moines Modelaires club member. If you are flying an aircraft weighing more than 0.55 lbs., it must have an FAA sUAS registration number affixed to it.

New Member _____ Renewal _____ / Adult _____ Youth _____ Spouse _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Birthday: _____

AMA #: _____ AMA Expiration Date: _____

FAA #: _____ FAA Expiration Date: _____

Email Address: _____

(Used for club newsletters and club informational emails)

Flying field (Circle the one that applies). If you plan to fly at both fields, please pick the option that has your primary flying field first: EPJ WEST EPJ & WEST WEST & EPJ

Membership Dues

We now accept PayPal for dues payments. Please use the link below, if you are joining / renewing after March or July you can change the dollar amount after clicking the link. Dues are in effect through December 31, 2019.

New Member	Fee	PayPal Link
Adult	\$100 (\$60 after July 31)	www.paypal.me/davekalwishky/100
Youth	\$15	www.paypal.me/davekalwishky/15
Spouse	\$50	www.paypal.me/davekalwishky/50

Renewal	Fee	PayPal Link
Adult	\$100 (\$120 after March 31)	www.paypal.me/davekalwishky/100
Youth	\$15	www.paypal.me/davekalwishky/15
Spouse	\$50	www.paypal.me/davekalwishky/50

Adult - 19 & over at any time during 2019

Youth - 18 & under through December 31, 2019

Send this membership application, a copy of your AMA membership card, FAA registration and check (**made out to Des Moines Modelaires**) to:

Dave Kalwishky

4224 Grandview Ave / Des Moines, IA 50317

Cell: (515) 314-7060

Email: dave@kalwishky.com

2019 Club Officers

Position	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Scott Leonard*	scott@sjleonard.com	(515) 494-2011
Vice President	Dave Kalwishky **	dave@kalwishky.com	(515) 314-7060
Secretary	John Faust**	faustj@q.com	(515) 771-3866
Treasurer	Denis Roy *	DenisRoy81@gmail.com	(515) 249-1617

2019 Board Members

Name	Email Address	Phone
Alan Annear *	raannear@gmail.com	(515) 491-9039
LeVerne Sanders*	Ldsanders2807@mchsi.com	(515) 745-0305
Jack Kamerick**	jdkamerick@gmail.com	(515) 971-0347
Jim Porter **	airporter96@gmail.com	(515) 986-0512
Jim Myklestad **	jimary69@mediacombb.net	(641) 430 8481
Connor Johnson**	Cjohnsone300@gmail.com	(319) 541-9567
Tim Nissen *	nissentimothy@mchsi.com	(515) 975-1091

* Term expires on December 31, 2020

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Safety Officers

Field	Name	Email Address	Phone
EPJ	Tim Nissen	nissentimothy@mchsi.com	(515) 975-1091
West Field	John Faust	faustj@q.com	(515) 771-3866

Membership

For all questions/comments regarding membership (such as joining, renewal, etc.), please contact:

Dave Kalwishky
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Des Moines, IA 50317

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Email: dave@kalwishky.com

Newsletter

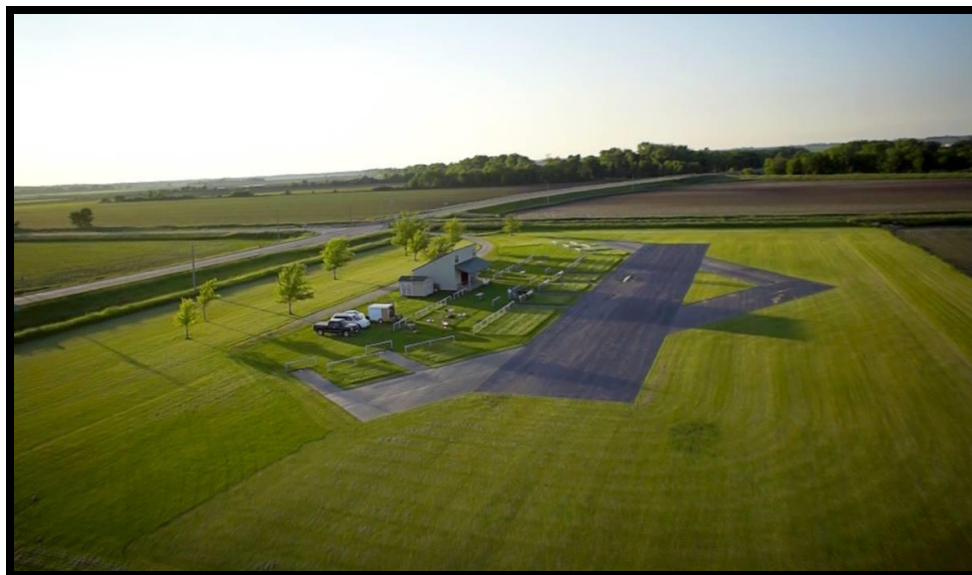
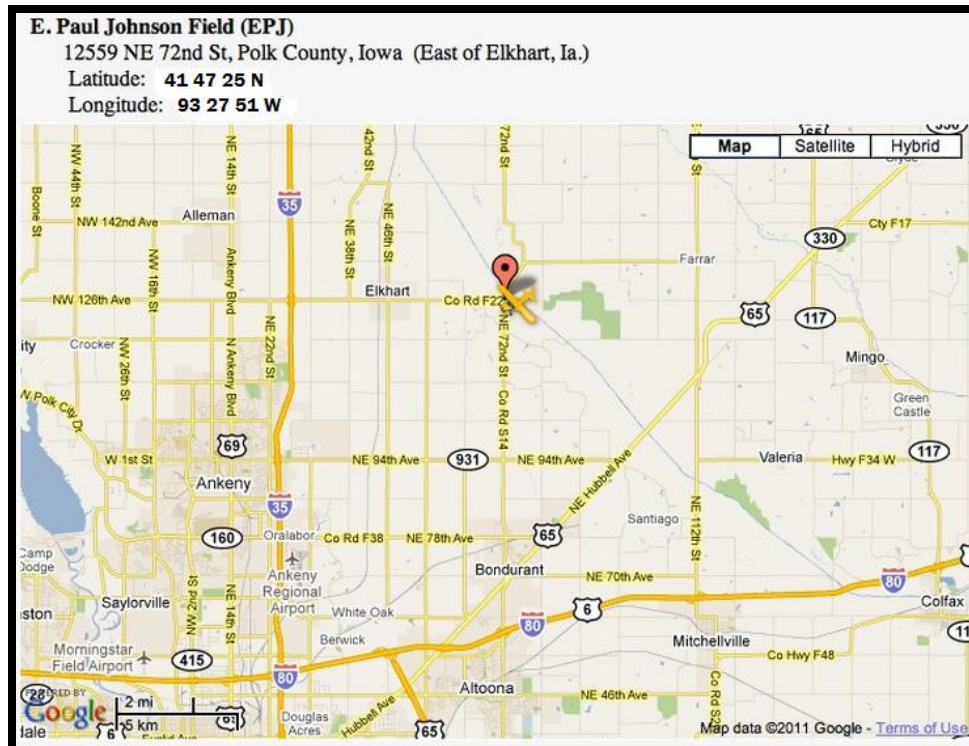
Dave Beecher

Email: db500_1999@yahoo.com

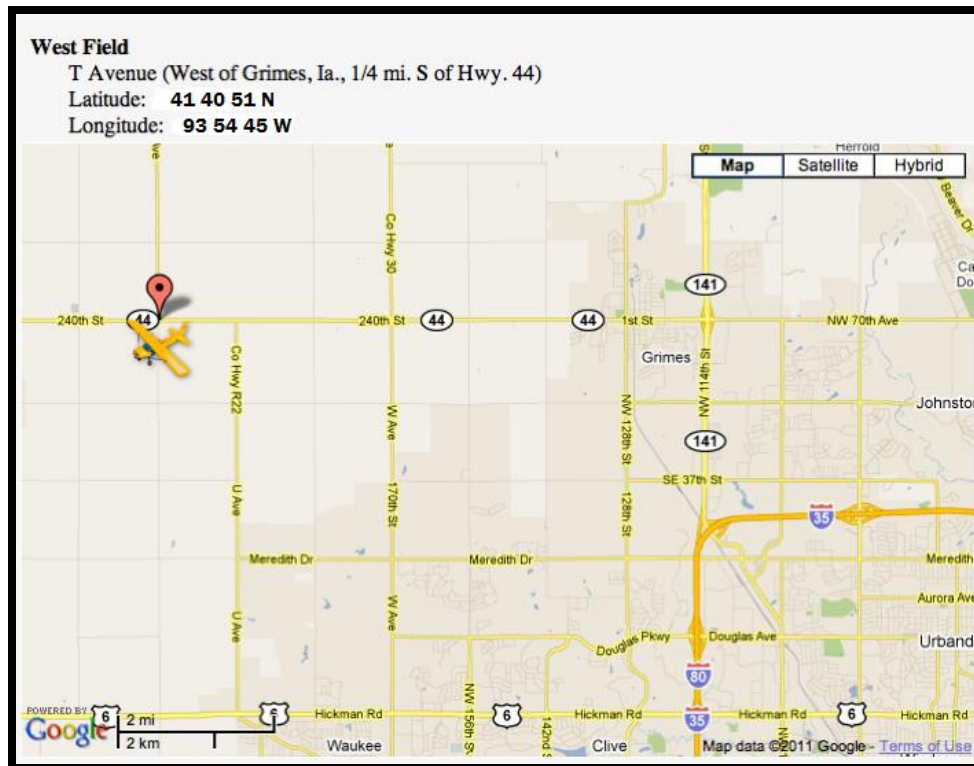
Flying Field Locations

The Des Moines Modelaires maintains two high-quality, friendly flying locations in the Des Moines area. See below for address and map information:

EPJ



West Field



About The Des Moines Modelaires

- We fly radio-controlled model airplanes, helicopters, and quad-copters at our two private flying fields
- We hold monthly meetings typically the first Tuesday of each month
- We produce a newsletter for our members and the general public
- We sponsor several fun flies during the year
- We will demonstrate our hobby at events when safety can be maintained and there is adequate room to fly
- We sponsor several swap meets during the year
- We conduct free pilot training programs and have volunteer instructor pilots